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SUBJECT: MONTHLY NARCOTICS REPORT - ECUADOR JANUARY 1974

(DECEMBER STATISTICS)

1. SUMMARY: DURING THE MONTH (DECEMBER 2 KILOS OF COCAINE BASE WERE SEIZED. DEA REGIONAL DIRECTOR LOUIS BACHRACH VISITED QUITO AND PARTICIPATED IN THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MISION'S NARCOTICS ACTION COMMITTEE. THE ARRIVAL OF TWO SPECIAL AGENTS FOR SERVICE IN THE GUAYAQUIL DISTRICT OFFICE WAS ANNOUNCED FOR APRIL 1. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD (DECEMBER STATISTICS) ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY ONE PERSONS WERE ARRESTED FOR USE OF OR TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTICS. 2 KILOS OF COCAINE BASE AND 14 KILOS OF MARIHUANA WERE SEIZED. IN 1973, 65 KILOS OF COCAINE BASE WERE SEIZED AS COMPARED TO 43 IN 1972; 989 KILOS OF MARIHUANA WERE SEIZED IN 1973 AS COMPARED TO 150 IN 1972 AND 768 PERSONS WERE ARRESTED IN 1973 AS COMPARED TO 291 IN 1972.

3. DEA REGIONAL DIRECTOR LOUIS BACHRACH VISITED QUITO, PARTICIPATED IN THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MISSION NARCOTICS ACTION COMMITTEE AND WAS HELPFUL IN EVALUATING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE QUITO DISTRICT
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OFFICE. HE ALSO INFORMED MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE PROPOSED

ARRIVAL APRIL 1, 1974, OF TWO SPECIAL AGENTS ASSIGNED TO THE
GUAYAQUIL DISTRICT OFFICE.

4. EFFORTS BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE NARCOTICS SERVICE TO UP-GRADE
THE PERFORMANCE AND INCREASE THE NUMBER OF THE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED
TO NARCOTICS CONTROL CONTINUE. THE MAJOR PROBLEMS REMAIN A LACK
OF OFFICERS AND MEN WHOSE SOLE ASSIGNMENT IS NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT
AND THE LACK OF NARCOTICS INTEREST AMONG CUSTOMS OFFICERS OWING TO
THE PREVAILING SYSTEM OF REWARDING CUSTOM OFFICERS FOR CONTRABAND
AUCTIONS. DRUG CONTRABAND IS NOT AUCTIONED. PLANS TO CHANGE THIS
SYSTEM ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE GOE.

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